



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Indiana State Excise Police Issue 181 Tickets in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 181 summonses in Bloomington from August 22 – August 25, 2007, the week before classes began at Indiana University. During the same four-day period last year, excise police issued only 107 summonses. That represents a 60% increase in tickets issued this year over last year.

Excise police also cited three establishments:

On Wednesday, August 22, Big Red Liquors, 1110 N. College Avenue, was cited for allowing a minor to loiter and sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor. This Big Red store was cited in January 2007 for the same violations.

On Friday, August 24, Kilroy's on Kirkwood was cited for six counts each of allowing a minor to loiter and sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor, and one count of altering floor plans without prior approval. Officers had received several complaints about minors being allowed into Kilroy's. A total of 13 minors were issued summonses at Kilroy's on Kirkwood.

On Saturday, August 25, Fajitas Mexican Restaurant, 3700 W. Third Street, was cited for two employee permit violations. Fajitas was cited July 27, 2007, for wine on a beer only permit and liquor on a beer only permit. The restaurant was cited on October 11, 2006, for wine of a beer only permit, and four other permit violations.

"Excise officers worked with several area establishments to check identifications of young-appearing patrons," Officer Travis Thickstun said. "We had a significant number of officers in Bloomington during Welcome Week because of past problems at the start of the I.U. school year."

Most summonses issued this week were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The following is a list of some of charges filed by ISEP officers:

*Eighty-one (81) minors were charged with illegal possession, consumption, or transportation of alcoholic beverages.

*Thirty-eight (38) minors were charged with possession of false identification.

*Twenty (20) minors were charged with entering a tavern or liquor store.

*Nine (9) adults were arrested for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.

*Thirty-three (33) people were also arrested for a variety of offenses, including drug possession, public intoxication, and other violations.

ISEP officers also offer free training programs for alcohol and tobacco businesses, not only on basic alcohol and tobacco laws, but in how to spot false identification. A class was offered at the Monroe County Public Library last week and another one is being offered today.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.